

to States, counties, municipalities, or other duly constituted political subdivisions of States for public use upon such terms, pursuant to such rules and regulations promulgated by him, as he deems proper, and to convey the same by the usual quitclaim deed, and he may enter into long-term contracts for the payment of the purchase price in such installments as he deems fair and reasonable and may furthermore waive any requirements for interest charges on deferred payments: *Provided*, That the total purchase price shall in no case be less than 50 per centum of the appraised value of the land, the appraisal to be made by the Treasury Department: *Provided further*, That the proceeds of the sales shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: *Provided further*, That in the event portions of any Federal building sites under the control of the Treasury Department are desired by municipalities by reason of any duly authorized, comprehensive street-widening program, the Secretary of the Treasury may deed to such municipalities, without cost, such areas needed for street uses as may be dedicated without jeopardy to the Federal interest.

Approved, August 26, 1935.

Long-term contracts for payment permitted.

Provisos.
Restriction on purchase price.

Proceeds covered in.

Donations for street purposes.

[CHAPTER 685.]

AN ACT

To authorize the President to attach certain possessions of the United States to internal-revenue collection districts for the purpose of collecting processing taxes.

August 26, 1935.

[S. 2652.]

[Public, No. 331.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (f) of section 10 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended by section 7 of the Act of May 9, 1934 (48 Stat. 670), be further amended by adding at the end of such subsection the following: "The President is authorized to attach by Executive order any or all of such possessions to any internal-revenue collection district for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this title with respect to the collection of taxes."

Approved, August 26, 1935.

Internal revenue.
Attachment of certain U. S. possessions to collection districts.
Vol. 48, pp. 37, 673, amended.

[CHAPTER 686.]

AN ACT

Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine claims of certain bands or tribes of Indians residing in the State of Oregon.

August 26, 1935.

[S. 2761.]

[Public, No. 332.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Court of Claims with the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party, as in other cases, to hear, examine, adjudicate, and render final judgment (a) in any and all legal and equitable claims, arising under or growing out of any treaty, agreement, Act of Congress, or Executive order, or for the failure of the United States to pay any money or other property due, which those Indian tribes or bands, or portions thereof, and their descendants, described in the ratified treaties of September 10, 1853 (10 Stat. 1018), September 19, 1853 (10 Stat. 1027), November 18, 1854 (10 Stat. 1122), November 25, 1854 (10 Stat. 1125), January 22, 1855 (10 Stat. 1143), and December 21, 1855 (12 Stat. 981), may have against the United States; and (b) any and all legal and equitable claims arising under or growing out of the original Indian title, claim, or rights in, to, or upon the whole or any part of the lands and their appurtenances occupied by the

Siletz, etc., Indians in Oregon.
Claims of, against United States submitted to Court of Claims.
Right of appeal.

Vol. 10, pp. 1018, 1027, 1122, 1125, 1143;
Vol. 12, p. 981.

Rights referred to, in unratified treaties.

Tribes excepted.
Vol. 45, p. 1256.
Scope of Act defined.

Jurisdiction of court,
regardless of lapse of
time, etc.

Set-off permitted.

Vol. 48, p. 984.

Joint or separate pe-
titions.

Evidence.

Attorney's fee by
court decree.

Deposit of judgment
to credit of Indians,
with interest.

Indian tribes and bands described in the unratified treaties published in Senate Executive Document Numbered 25, Fifty-third Congress, first session (pp. 8 to 15), at and long prior to the dates thereof, except the Coos Bay, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Tribes, it being the intention of this Act to include all the Indian tribes or bands and their descendants, with the exceptions named, residing in the then Territory of Oregon west of the Cascade Range at and long prior to the dates of the said unratified treaties, some of whom, in 1855, or later, were removed by the military authorities of the United States to the Coast Range, the Grande Ronde, and the Siletz Reservations in said Territory.

SEC. 2. That if any claim or claims be submitted to said courts hereunder they shall settle the rights therein, both legal and equitable, of each and all the parties thereto, notwithstanding the lapse of time or the statutes of limitation; and any payment which may have been made under any claim or agreement shall not operate as an estoppel but may be pleaded as a set-off, and the United States shall be allowed to plead, and shall receive credit for all sums, including gratuities, paid to or expended for the benefit of the respective tribes or bands of Indians, but no expenditures for the benefit of these Indians made out of appropriations authorized by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. L. 984), shall be considered as offsets. The claim or claims of each tribe or band may be presented separately or jointly by petition, subject, however, to amendment and consolidation in proper cases. Such action or actions shall make the petitioner or petitioners party plaintiff or plaintiffs and the United States party defendant; and any nation, tribe, or band the court may deem necessary to a final determination of such suit or suits may be joined therein by order of the court.

The petition shall set forth all the facts upon which the claims are based and shall be signed and verified by the attorney or attorneys employed to prosecute such claim or claims and who are under contract with said Indians approved in accordance with existing law. Any and all claims against the United States within the purview of this Act shall be forever barred unless suit be instituted or petition filed as herein provided in the Court of Claims within five years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Official letters, papers, documents, and public records, or certified copies thereof, may be used in evidence, and the departments of the Government shall allow the attorney or attorneys access to such treaties, papers, correspondence, or records as may be needed by said attorney or attorneys.

SEC. 3. That upon the final determination of such suit, or suits, the Court of Claims shall decree such fees not exceeding 10 per centum of the amounts recovered as it shall find reasonable to be paid the attorney or attorneys employed therein by said Indians or bands of Indians, under contracts negotiated and approved as provided by existing law, together with all necessary and proper expenditures incurred in the preparation and prosecution of the suit or suits.

SEC. 4. The proceeds of all amounts, if any, recovered for said Indians, less attorneys' fees and expenses, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians decreed by said court to be entitled thereto, and shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum from the date of the original judgment or decree and thereafter shall be subject to appropriation by Congress.

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